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Group Art Unit - Unknown E.I. Givargizov et al. **Applicant** Appl. No. Unknown I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with Filed Herewith the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Way hington, D.C. For STABILIZED AND CONTROLLED ELECTRON SOURCES, MATRIX SYSTEMS OF THE ELECTRON SOURCES, AND Adeel S. Akhtar, Reg. No. 41,394 METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF Examiner Unknown

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims attached herewith.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-50.

Please add the following Claims 51-93:

- 51. An electron source comprising:
  - a substrate:
- a field emitter, a body of the field emitter being a whisker epitaxial to the substrate:
  - a source of charge carriers supplying the field emitter; and
- at least one ballast resistor configured as a barrier between different materials located in or proximate to the field emitter.